

For many reasons—strategic, historic, religious and moral—American support for Israel has been generous. The United States has played and will continue to play an important role in ensuring Israel's success. As a member of Congress, and as the senior Democrat on the Appropriations Committee's Foreign Operations Subcommittee, I am proud to have had a unique opportunity to help build and maintain the very special relationship that exists between the United States and Israel. That relationship will continue to serve both nations as we look ahead—as friends and partners and allies—to the special challenges we face together in the next 50 years.

THE BLOODSHED IN KOSOVA MUST STOP

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the situation in Kosova, which has been tense all year, has taken a recent turn for the worse. The Serbian army has undertaken another brutal attack on the ethnic population in Kosova.

More than 39 ethnic Albanians were killed during the last two days in May in what was the worst crackdown since the March massacre of 80 people in Kosova.

The violent campaign continues, as Serbian forces have carried on a five-day operation that targets ethnic villages to the south and west of Pristina, the capital of Kosova. In addition to the demolition of village after village by air and rocket attacks, Serbian forces have laid mine fields in several locations in the southwest. It is clear that this has become an ethnic cleansing campaign.

On June 3rd, there was another surge of refugees in the way of the Serb attacks. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that over 2,000 crossed into Albania during that night, adding to the humanitarian crisis.

Women, children, and elderly trekked for days through the mountains. Weeping, they described how Serb police burst into their homes, dragged them out and told them to "go to Albania and never return" and then burned their houses before their eyes.

The latest wave of thousands of refugees and victims of this violent campaign of aggression shows us that unless we act now, the situation will only grow worse.

The possibility for a diplomatic solution grows increasingly dim as intensified Serbian military efforts reveal Milosevic's determination to wipe out the pro-separatist Kosova Liberation Army.

If we are to prevent another Bosnia from occurring in Kosova, as well as prevent chaos from spreading throughout the Balkans, we must convince our allies to discontinue the past policy of simply threatening, imposing, and then withdrawing sanctions.

In order to strengthen our position and compel the Serbian government to stop the bloodshed, it is necessary to consider military measures as well as reinstatement of economic sanctions. Yesterday, the Washington Post rightly editorialized that the "United States can intervene now, as it said it would. Or, as in Bosnia, it can be forced to intervene later, after much damage has been done and any solution is far more difficult."

A more dynamic approach is necessary in order to end the violence and oppression in Kosova and to allow the people there to determine their own future.

Let us not allow ourselves to be faced with a situation where we did too little too late.

HONORING DIKEMAN ENGINE AND HOSE COMPANY

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, for 125 years, the Dikeman Engine and Hose Company has served the community of Goshen located in Orange County. This weekend they are celebrating their anniversary. They have provided excellent prevention and protection from fire and other disasters. This company deserves to be acknowledged for their tireless efforts in all of their community related services.

On September 12, 1873, a group of local men met above Ed Dikeman's Drug Store in Goshen and decided to form a second hose company to protect Goshen. They decided to name the company after Mr. Dikeman, who was a prominent resident and business man.

In April 1874, the Dikeman company responded to their first fire, beginning their commitment to serving their community. For the next 124 years, the Dikeman Engine and Hose Company has continued their outstanding fire fighting practices and their dedication to the community of Goshen.

Dikeman Engine and Hose Company has been housed on New Street since 1885. This building was once shared by the Village Police Department and the Village Jail. In 1967, the company added a new truck bay, a meeting room over the truck bay, and a back room to the building.

Their continuous service to the community of Goshen has not been over looked. They have protected the citizens from fire, instructed youth on fire prevention, aided the community in time of crisis, and gone above and beyond the call of duty.

I invite my colleagues to join in recognizing these dedicated volunteers on their years of service. Dikeman Engine and Hose Company Number 3 has been a vital asset to the residents of Goshen and to everyone they have helped over their years of service.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BERRY, SR.: OHIO ENTREPRENEUR

**HON. ROB PORTMAN
HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER
HON. DAVID L. HOBSON
HON. TONY P. HALL**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I and my colleagues, JOHN BOEHNER, DAVID HOBSON and TONY HALL, rise today so that my colleagues and I may recognize the life of a giant of American business and philanthropy, John Berry, Sr., a friend and entrepreneur who passed away on May 20, 1998. When Mr.

Berry took over his father's small telephone book company in 1946, it employed 50 people and generated \$2 million in annual revenue. Under his leadership, the company became the largest independent publisher of the Yellow Pages in the United States and grew to \$1 billion in annual revenue by 1986 and employed 3,000. It went international in the mid-sixties with a joint venture with ITT World Directories, which grew to become the largest publisher of the Yellow Pages outside of the United States.

Mr. Berry was a graduate of Dartmouth College, a school he loved and generously supported over the years. Most recently, the college library was renamed "Berry Baker" due to his strong support for the college and its mission. He served in the Army during World War II and was a committed community volunteer, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Air Force Museum Foundation and on the Boards of Trustees of the University of Dayton and The Ohio State University and The Ohio State University Foundation. He was also a member of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Dayton Urban League and Junior Achievement of Dayton and Miami Valley.

Mr. Berry received several honorary degrees, including Doctor of Laws from Dartmouth College, Doctor of Humane Letters from University of Dayton, Doctor of Public Service from Rio Grande College, and Doctor of Business Administration from the Ohio State University. He also received the Everett D. Reese Medal from The Ohio State University in recognition of his service.

Those who knew John Berry knew him as a remarkably successful entrepreneur and a community leader. But they also knew that nothing was more important to him than his family. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; five sons: George, John Jr., David, Richard, and Charles; two daughters: Vickie and Lynne; and 18 grandchildren. John Berry was the quintessential American success story, but also had a quintessential American spirit of giving back to his country. He will be missed by all.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL C. PREECE

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Daniel C. Preece, for his leadership and effort to improve the quality of life in our community. Daniel is a determined, hard working individual who has dedicated 25 years of invaluable service to the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

There are many areas in California of immense natural beauty that are designated as sanctuaries where plant and wildlife can live in an undisturbed, harmonious environment. Mr. Preece has dedicated tireless hours upon hours of service to preservation of State Parks all over California, and has much to show for his devoted career.

Daniel first responded to his calling in 1972 with a nine month training course at the California State Park Training Center and the Regional Criminal Justice Training Center. Mr. Preece then served as a Park Ranger in the County of Orange, and later as a Supervising Ranger at San Clemente State Beach.